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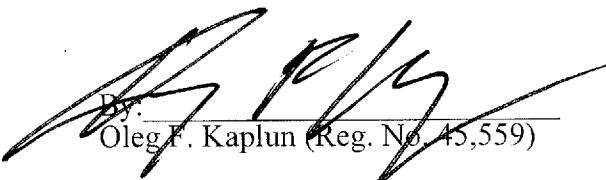
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Transmitted herewith please find a Response under Rule 116 to the Final Office Action mailed on November 18, 2008 for filing with the USPTO in the above-identified application. Since the Response is being filed within two months of the Final Office Action mailing date, Applicants respectfully request that the USPTO's response be issued before the expiration of the three month period of the Final Office Action mailing date (i.e., by February 18, 2009). No fees are believed to be required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees to the Deposit Account of **Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP No. 50-1492**.

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